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## APPROVAL OF EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(e)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants approve of the Examiner's Amendment dated January 2, 2008. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary – mailed January 2, 2008 – discussing the substance of the interview with the undersigned Attorney on December 10, 2007.

Applicants have received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the January 2, 2008, Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits. The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicant and only contains the Examiner's possible positions in one or more reasons for allowability.

Dated: April 2, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

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